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Martina goes down fighting

ROME, May 9: Defending champion Conchita Martinez fought off a brave challenge from crowd favourite Martina Navratilova to retain the 750,000 dollars clay court Italian Open title in straight sets on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The Spanish world number three recovered from a poor start to win 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 and condemn the 37-year-old Navratilova to her fourth defeat in the Italian final — a tournament she had never won.

But Navratilova was happy with her performance on clay as she prepares to return to the French Open which begins on May 23. Winner of the French in 1982 and 1984, she has not played the Paris tournament for six years.

"It's been a while since I was in the final of a clay court tournament," said Navratilova, winner of 18 career Grand Slam titles. "I just didn't have the confidence to win."

"Still, my confidence is growing and France should be fun," she added.

"I know I can beat the best on other surfaces and I think I can still do it on clay too," added the Czech born American, without a title on the red dirt since 1990.

A beaten finalist here 20 years ago, Navratilova twice wasted set points during a fascinating and fluctuating first set which featured eight service breaks.

Backed by the majority of the 8,000-strong crowd, the veteran twice squandered set point when serving at 5-4, missing the first on a relatively easy forehand volley which she put into the net.

"I wasn't even nervous. I just looked up to see where she was and missed the shot," said Navratilova.

"I'd like to have that one back."

Navratilova broke again to lead 6-5 with her service to come but top-seed Martinez levelled and then took the set

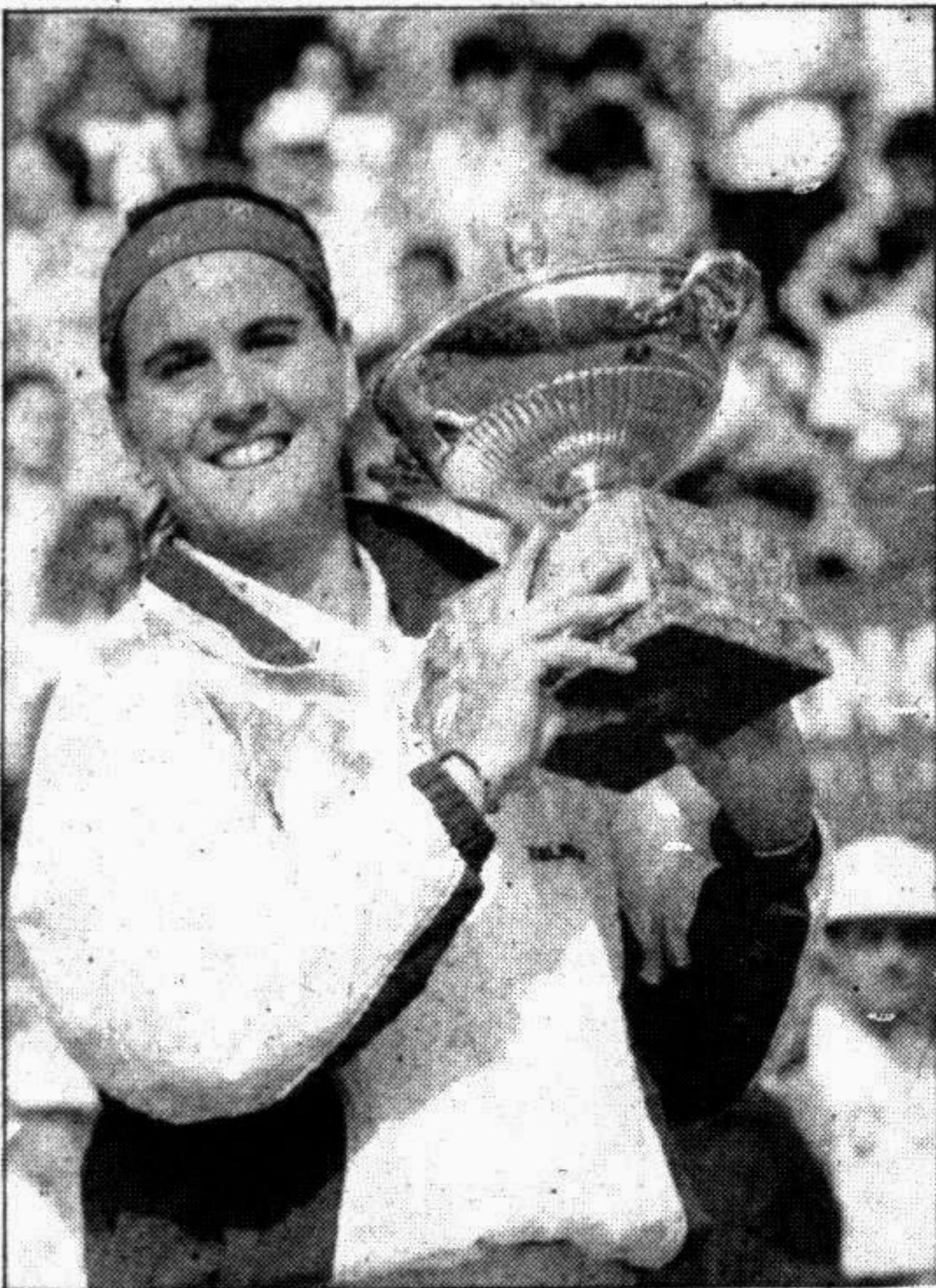
on the tiebreak in 64 minutes. The 22-year-old Spaniard made the decisive break on a warm day in the ninth game of the second set and served out for her second tournament win of the season in one hour 52 minutes.

"It surprised me that Martina was so aggressive. I was very tense and did not at-

won 60,000 dollars was given a standing ovation as she said farewell to Rome.

"The way they cheered me really took the sting out of defeat. It was as if I had won," said Navratilova, beaten in the Italian final by Chris Evert in 1974 and Monica Seles in 1990.

Navratilova, winner of a



Spaniard Conchita Martinez displays the trophy after beating American Martina Navratilova in the women's final of the Italian Open in Rome on Sunday. Martinez won 7-6, 6-4.

tack as much as I might have done," said Martinez.

The Spaniard, who never dropped a set all week, picked up a 15,000 dollars winner's cheque and appears in great shape for the French Open.

The defeated finalist, who

record 167 tournaments in her career, confirmed this would be her last year on the circuit.

"I don't think I'll be back next year. It's fun out there but you don't see all the work that goes on behind the scenes."

Medvedev wins German Open

HAMBURG, May 9: Andrei Medvedev won his second title on clay in two weeks ahead of the French Open later this month when he beat his friend Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the German Open final on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Ukrainian Medvedev, who reached the semifinals at Roland Garros last year, added the prestigious Hamburg title to the Monte Carlo tournament he won two weeks ago with a 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory.

The 19-year-old Medvedev, ranked eighth in the world, and 20-year-old Kafelnikov, who has risen from 104th to 29th in the world this year,

are two of the hottest young properties on the circuit.

If they continue their present run of results the two former Soviet Union players, who spent the week training together and played backgammon together on the eve of the final, could be household names in the near future.

Neither player was able to reproduce his top form in an error-ridden final which seemed to be affected by a strong breeze in the north German port.

Kafelnikov, who has earned the nickname "Kalashnikov", put out top seed Michel Stich in the semifinals and big-serving third-seed Goran Ivanisevic in the second round.

But the 10,000 crowd saw little of the Russian's powerful whipped forehand which helped destroy local hero Stich.

Medvedev, who has shown some superb form despite being forced to rest for two months at the start of the year after knee surgery, sowed the seeds of victory with a key break of service in the fifth game to lead 6-2.

The Ukrainian player then clinched the first set after 38 minutes with a clever drop volley which Kafelnikov could only hit out of court.

With the wind making some of the exchanges a bit of a lottery, Medvedev soon won the second set and although Kafelnikov battled back to take the third, the Ukrainian seemed to have the luck of the day in the decisive fourth.

Both players, who also practised together in the morning before the final, complained that the wind had destroyed the match.



Arsenal manager George Graham (C) celebrates with players Tony Adams (L) and Alan Smith (R) after the team paraded the European Cup Winners' Cup through the streets of North London on Saturday.

"One side of the court was almost impossible to play," said Kafelnikov.

Medvedev added: "I expected the match to have much more than we showed. It was a pretty bad final. I was lucky. I would not say I played better... mentally, it is three times as hard to play against a friend than a player like Michael Stich."

The Ukrainian said Kafelnikov could be a name to watch out for in the months ahead with the start of the French Open looming in two weeks.

"He is playing a top-five level," he said. "The way he is playing is amazing. If you play stupid against him you have no chance."

Battle for Thomas Cup begins today

JAKARTA, May 9: The battle for the world's most coveted badminton trophies begins Tuesday, with hosts Indonesia and China among the favourites in both men's and women's competition, reports AP.

In the eight-team race for the Thomas Cup for men, in which Malaysia are defending champions Indonesia open against Finland and China face Sweden.

In opening matches for the Uber Cup for women, defending champions China play Russia and South Korea face Japan. The women's field also includes eight teams.

Chinese manager Li Yongbo said, "We never underestimate any team."

Strikers: Karlheinz Riedle (Borussia Dortmund), Ulf Kirsten (Bayer Leverkusen), Jurgen Klinsmann (AS Monaco), Rudi Voller (Olympique Marseille), Stefan Kuntz (Kaiserslautern).

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The league will be decided next weekend, when Deportivo are at home to Valencia and Barcelona entertain Sevilla.

Diplomats' WC soccer kicks off

WASHINGTON, May 9: The World Cup is still more than one month away. But a miniversion of the global soccer tournament is taking place on the playing fields of America's capital, reports AP.

Diplomats from 24 countries are collecting mud, sweat and a few bruises in a soccer series aimed at creating interest in the first World Cup tournament in the United States.

The tournament starts June 17, but Washington DC's version is well under way, with the 24-team field cut to 16 over the weekend.

Emerging with 3-0 records were Saudi Arabia, Russia, Denmark, Spain and the United States.

The 24 starters were the same as those qualifying for the real World Cup with one exception: Denmark replaced Ireland, which elected not to participate.

Next weekend's 12 matches lead to a four-game finale May 21 on the Ellipse behind the White House. Preliminary matches were on neighbourhood fields around the metropolitan area.

Bulgarian Ambassador Ognyan Pischev with the help of World Cup 1994 organisers dreamed up the idea of the first diplomatic mini-World Cup. Response was so enthusiastic it's almost certain another will be staged in Paris when France hosts World Cup in 1998, said Bulgarian Vice Consul Vladimir Stefanov.

The other countries to qualify, including their records, were: Argentina 2-0-1, Bulgaria 2-0-1, Morocco 2-1, Brazil 2-1, Bolivia 2-1, Mexico 1-1-1, Greece 1-2, Netherlands 1-2, and Germany 1-2. Switzerland and Colombia also qualified, but their records weren't immediately available.

Countries eliminated were Romania, Sweden, South Korea, Nigeria, Italy, Norway, Belgium and Cameroon.

Vogts' additions

FRANKFURT, Germany, May 9: Coach Berti Vogts has added Kaiserslautern's star striker Stefan Kuntz and defender Martin Wagner to the German squad aiming to retain the World Cup, reports AP.

Vogts had announced a squad of 20 on Friday, saying that two further names from group of six would be added later.

He said on Monday: "There were a lot of players for the last two places. I went for Wagner because we need an alternative for the left back's position. As for Kuntz, he's become king of the goalscorers in the Bundesliga."

Kuntz finished the season on Saturday as joint top scorer with Eintracht Frankfurt's Anthony Yeboah of Ghana, with 18 goals apiece.

Nine of the 22 — Rudi Voller, Jurgen Klinsmann, Andreas Brehme, Guido Buchwald, Lothar Matthaeus, Bodo Illgner, Jurgen Kohler, Thomas Berthold and Thomas Hassler — won the Cup in 1990.

The finals in the United States start on June 17. Germany's 22-man squad:

Keepers: Bodo Illgner (Cologne), Andreas Koepke (Nuremberg), Oliver Kahn (Kaiserslautern).

Defenders: Thomas Berthold, Guido Buchwald, Thomas Strunz (all VFB Stuttgart), Andreas Brehme, Martin Wagner (both FC Kaiserslautern), Jurgen Kohler (Juventus Turin), Thomas Helmer, Lothar Matthaeus (Bayern Munich).

Midfielders: Mario Basler (Werder Bremen), Stefan Effenberg (Fiorentina), Maurizio Gudino (Eintracht Frankfurt), Thomas Hassler (AS Roma), Andreas Moller (Juventus), Matthias Sammer (Borussia Dortmund).

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Golf dulls Bayern's 'Kaiser' spell



HAMBURG, May 9: He didn't really want the job. But once the remarkable Franz Beckenbauer agreed to

take over as team coach of struggling Bayern Munich he set about transforming them into a championship-winning side, reports Reuter.

After inspiring the Germans to their World Cup triumph in 1990, Beckenbauer often said he was not attracted by the idea of coaching a club side and wanted to do other things with his life — golf and advertising came immediately to mind.

But the 48-year-old Beckenbauer has learned never to say never. The rest of the German soccer world has been left asking themselves the same question: "How does he do it?"

Germany's 1974 World Cup-winning captain rescued the Bundesliga's richest club from bitter period out of the top echelons of the European game after Saturday's 2-0 victory over Schalke put the Bavarians one point clear of Kaiserslautern on the last day of the season.

The triumph marked "Kaiser" Beckenbauer's first title as a club coach.

His brief period with Marseille in the 1990-1991 season was largely disaster. Yet he waved a magic wand in his favourite Bavaria.

When Beckenbauer took over at Bayern in mid-season they were in disarray. An early exit from the UEFA Cup by English

club Norwich had left a depression hanging over the record champions.

In effect, the real problems had started in the middle of the 1990 championship celebrations when former coach Jupp Heynckes stood on the town hall balcony and told thousands of fans that Bayern

of the training pitch, made it quite clear that he was available only for a few months in January.

Yet the coach, who also pulled the German national team from the doldrums in 1984 and led them to glory, provided the necessary inspiration again.

The rest of the league should have known something special was going to happen when thousands of fans turned up to watch the "Kaiser's" first training session in January.

But Beckenbauer played down his triumph at the end.

"The World Cup is the biggest thing. You can win the German title every year," he said. "The spontaneous happiness has gone but the satisfaction with having done something will come back many times."

A place in next season's European Cup was crucial to Bayern's bank books and image.

Bayern who won the Champions' Cup three times in succession in the mid-1970s, have already bought French international striker Jean-Pierre Papin and experienced Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni in Anticipation.

German World Cup captain Lothar Matthaeus, who scored Bayern's opening goal against Schalke, has signed a new three-year contract and the club has bought the league's most promising goalkeeper, Karlsruhe's Oliver Kahn.

When the players resume training for next season in July, Beckenbauer will probably

be enjoying a game of golf in his Australian home town of Kitzbuehel after a summer when he plans to work as a television presenter at the World Cup finals.

The Kaiser will always be there to provide advice at Bayern in an emergency, but for the sake of his golf handicap he hopes Bayern won't need it.

Romario's father freed

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 9: Rio police Sunday freed the kidnapped father of Brazilian soccer star Romario and arrested three of his abductors, Romario's brother said, reports Reuter.

"Our father has been freed, he is on his way home," Ronaldo de Souza told Reuters.

Edevaldo de Souza Faria, 64, was reported to be in good health and had been taken to a local police station.

Romario, who plays for Spanish team Barcelona, was given the news in Spain and was said to be delighted.

CORRIGENDUM

In the answers to the questions of The Daily Star World Cup Quiz No. 3, published in our yesterday's paper, the answer to Question No. 8 "When was the World Cup first televised?" instead of reading 1954 was inadvertently printed as 1958. The error in printing is sincerely regretted.

— Editor

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- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box which they think is the correct answer to the question. A person may send as many entries in his/her own name and address.
- Each entry form should be clearly filled in complete with a ball-point pen. Participant's name, address, father's name must be clearly written. Each entry form must bear the correct date and signature of the participant.
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1. Who scored Holland's goal in the 1974 final?	Neeskens <input type="checkbox"/>	Cruyff <input type="checkbox"/>	Resenbrink <input type="checkbox"/>
2. When did Brazil first win the World Cup?	1954 <input type="checkbox"/>	1958 <input type="checkbox"/>	1970 <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Which Asian country played in the 1966 World Cup?	DPR Korea <input type="checkbox"/>	Iran <input type="checkbox"/>	Israel <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Which African country played in the 1970 World Cup?	Zaire <input type="checkbox"/>	Morocco <input type="checkbox"/>	Tunisia <input type="checkbox"/>
5. How many goals did the Hungarian team score in the 1954 World Cup?	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	18 <input type="checkbox"/>	27 <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Which Brazilian scored in every round of the 1970 World Cup?	Pele <input type="checkbox"/>	Tostao <input type="checkbox"/>	Jairzinho <input type="checkbox"/>
7. How many players did France use in the 1978 World Cup?	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	18 <input type="checkbox"/>	22 <input type="checkbox"/>
8. How many goals did England score in the 1986 World Cup?	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Who was Brazil's Cup-winning captain in 1962?	Zito <input type="checkbox"/>	Mauro <input type="checkbox"/>	Alberto <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Which famous player was called the "Little Bird"?	Boniek <input type="checkbox"/>	Zico <input type="checkbox"/>	Garrincha <input type="checkbox"/>

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